

Headlines
In The News

JACKSON, Miss.—"Allen Thompson Takes Office, Sharron, Withers, Re-Sworn" . . . Jackson's Mayor Allen C. Thompson took the oath of office Monday and immediately sounded a keynote of progress for the city in the four-year period to come . . . Many of the accomplishments which he expressed himself as hoping to achieve, directly effect the colored citizens of the city . . . especially the expansion and improvement of our public school system; the establishment of proper youth center for both white and colored and the elimination as quickly as possible all grade crossing . . . this latter action would, we are certain, be greatly appreciated by the hundreds of parents whose young people have to cross the tracks at Fortification Streets daily to get to their schools.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Harry S. Truman gave his "State of the Union" message to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday and the thing that interested Negro America most was that President expressed himself as being determined, to stand firmly behind his Civil Rights proposals and recommendations which were inserted in the Democratic platform during his campaign . . .

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "Rep. Dawson to have broad Powers As Committee Head" . . . The appointment this week of Congressman William L. Dawson to the chairmanship of the House Committee on Expenditure in the Executive Department not only marked achievement of the most powerful and influential position ever held by a Negro in U. S. politics, but placed Representative Dawson in a position to safeguard many of the rights of Negro citizens . . .

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "Five Negroes Climb Capitol Hill as Secretaries to Congressmen" . . . The 81st Congress saw five Negro secretaries, the largest number in history employed on Capitol Hill, one secretary to first-term Paul Douglas of Chicago; Mrs. Marguerite Ingram who is the first Negro secretary employed by a white Senator.

Congressman Earl Cuddeback of Philadelphia also has a Negro secretary, Mrs. Lillian Amaker Brown. Rep. Helen G. Douglas of California has as one of her secretaries, Miss Juanita Terry, Dean of Capitol Hill Negro Secretaries is Mrs. Christine Ray Davis, secretary to Congress William L. Dawson of Chicago who now holds an employment record of 12 years on "the Hill". Mrs. Maxine Dargans of New York has returned to her position as secretary to Congressman A. Clayton Powell of New York.

Adventist Pastor
Gives Report of
Church's Work

The dawn of a new religious day in Europe and Asia has brought about the greatest foreign mission program in the history of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination. Thus stated Elder B. W. Abney, pastor of the Seventh-Day Adventist church, 801 Ross Street in Jackson, Miss., while giving a report of the church's international council which has just closed in Denver, Colorado.

Voting an overseas budget of approximately \$9,000,000.00 the 700 delegates representing every country in the world except Russia, heard glowing reports of the rapidly spreading Christian influence in foreign lands.

From Germany came the report that 6,000 baptisms during the past year have brought the church membership to nearly 50,000. In India many thousands, including Mohammedans and Brahman populations previously untouched, are being reached by missionaries and Bible correspondence schools, leaders said.

A church official from Switzerland declared that through Southern Europe "traditionalism, prejudice and nationalism are breaking down", resulting in overflow attendance at religious service. China's leaders told of thousands attending evangel-

Defender Honor Roll for 1948
Cites 17 Who Put New Meaning
In Grass Roots DemocracyGreat Weekly
Salutes The Common
People Everywhere

CHICAGO — "DEFENDER CITES 17 CITIZENS, 9 GROUPS ON 1948 HONOR ROLL" . . . In its January 8 issue the Chicago Defender saluted and placed on its honor roll the names of those who in 1948 have brought new meaning to the term grass roots democracy and strengthened America's claim to the moral leadership of the world, as follows:

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN for his forthright insistence on a strong Civil Rights Program and his refusal to yield to compromise of any character.

REP. WILLIAM L. DAWSON, for his leadership of the National Citizens Committee to elect Harry S. Truman, President.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, for her work in directing the United Nations committee that drew up the International Charter of Human Rights.

J. E. WALKER, for building the Tri-State Bank of Memphis.

JUDGE J. WAITES WARING, for upholding the right of Negroes to vote in the Democratic primaries of South Carolina.

ALICE COACHMAN, Olympic high jump champion and only American woman to win a first place in track or field events in the international games.

MRS. HARPER SIBLEY, President of United Churchwomen for her fight against segregation in the Armed Forces Federal establishments and the Protestant churches.

LEVI JACKSON, the first Negro to captain a varsity team at Yale University.

SOLICITOR GENERAL PHILIP PERLMAN, for his arguments before the United States Supreme Court against racial restrictive covenants on behalf of the Department of Justice.

DR. W. MONTAGUE COBB, first Negro Vice President of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.

SEN. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, for his leadership in advocating a strong Civil Rights plank at the Democratic National Convention.

LARRY DOBY, for his outstanding season's play with the Cleveland Indians.

WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER, for his work in the National Urban League.

DR. RALPH BUNCHE, for his efforts singly and with Count Bernadotte in bring about a truce between the Arabs and Israeli and his winning accord on an armistice among four of the warring states as United Nations Mediator.

OSCAR EWING, federal security administrator advocating positive programs to raise the level of national health and increase social security benefits for all Americans.

COLUMBIAN DREW PEARSON, for his unrelenting exposure of the Ku Klux Klan.

ALDERMAN HAROLD B. HILL, for his courage in entering politics in a Southern state and his success in rallying Negro and white voters to elect him an Alderman in Richmond, Va.

Band Presents
Concert At
Alcorn College

The Alcorn A. & M. College Music Division presented its band in a pre-holiday concert at Oakland Chapel on Wednesday, December 15, under the leadership of Professor W. H. Hamlin, Director.

The program included: National Emblem by Bagley Kemm, Success, Tod (Come, Sweet Death) by Bach; Victor Herbert Favorites by Herbert; In a Persian Market (Inter-

listic meetings. It is impossible to secure meeting places large enough to accommodate the crowds who want to hear the gospel, they said. Similar reports were given by other overseas leaders.
(To Be Continued Next Week)

Woman's Day
At Christ
Temple Jan. 16

On the third Sunday, January 16, 1949 beginning at 10:30 a.m. the Women of Christ Temple Church will observe its annual Women's Day. The entire day will be given to the Women. The introductory message will be delivered by Bishop M. R. Conic, Pastor of the church. Sunday School will be conducted by Mrs. G. G. Brinkley.

The Women will feature Mrs. J. E. Johnson of Prentiss Institute as guest speaker. The presentation of the guest speaker will be given by Mrs. M. Hubert of Farish St. Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. Special music will be furnished for the afternoon and night services. The public is cordially invited.

Bishop M. R. Conic, pastor and Mrs. A. O. Smith, President.

Pastor's 22nd
Anniversary
Is Observed

The members and friends of the Farish Street Baptist church will celebrate Reverent C. A. Green's 22, pastorate of the church, Sunday, January 16, 1949 at 10:45 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. G. W. Williams, Oakley Training School, Oakley, Miss. Music will be rendered by Jackson College Vesper Choir under the direction of Mrs. Annelia Young.

The public is cordially invited to be present.

Funeral For
W. C. Baskin
At Kosciusko

Kosciusko, Miss., Dec. 27 — Funeral service was held here Monday for W. C. Baskin, a former resident of Jackson, Miss., and the husband of Mrs. Beatrice Baskin, who is a member of a prominent local family.

Mr. Baskin died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Monday, December 20th following a short illness. He is a native Mississippian whose family is well known in Lee County and the eastern section of the state.

Temple Members
Worship At
Christian Church

The North Jackson Christian church, corner Fortification and North Farish Streets, has been secured for the place of worship for the Christ Temple Church members.

The services are held on the second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

An invitation is extended and a cordial welcome awaits all.

Brother S. B. Thomas, clerk.

Alcorn Tops
Wilberforce
U. By 48-38

The Alcorn A. & M. College cagmen bounced back into the winning column by beating a tricky Wilberforce University five 48-38 there Tuesday night, December 14 to even the count in Ohio after losing to Wilberforce State.

The Braves will head homeward to Kentucky where they will meet a powerful Kentucky State and Louisville Municipal before ending their pre-holiday tour.

mezzo Scene) by Lelieboy which featured Miss Lois Scruggs as clarinetist; Silent Night Holy Night by Cruber, and Lustspiel by Keler-Bella.

Some of the Winners in the Annual Pay-Out for the Year Campaign Sponsored By
Collins Burial Association at Collins Funeral Home December, 1948

Annually Collins Burial Association encourages its members to pay out for the year before the year ends. Those who do so are privileged to participate in a period of fun, fellowship, souvenirs and eating at Collins Funeral Home and also have the opportunity of a chance on any of the twenty-five prizes given away at this time. Some of the winners are pictured with their prizes in the above cut. The entire list of prize winners was as follows: Mr. Jesse Douglass, Ash St., winner of the grand first prize of a 12 lb. turkey; Mrs. Carrie Short; Mrs. W. Smith, 1305 Grayson St.; Mrs. Mary White; Mrs. Lorene Crawford, 811 N. Bloom St.; Mrs. Almada Brown, 119 W. Davis; Mrs. Beatrice Horton, 915 Grayson St.; Dr. M. F. Atwood, 320 N. Farish St.; Mrs. Ophelia Washington, 1302 Cox St.; Mr. Lonnie Carr, Florence, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Edwards, 923 Randall St.; Mrs. Martha Brakefield, 219 Gumm St.; Mr. Willie Burton, 164 E. Pearl St.; Miss Mary Burton, 811 Barret St.; Mrs. Edith Woods Smith, 1133 Woods St.; Mrs. Annie Washington and Mrs. Hattie Dawson, 802 Canal St.; Mrs. Mamie Lee Reed, 324 Garner St.; Mrs. Willie Warren, 437 Banks St.; Mrs. Betty Gross, Pochontas, Miss.; Mrs. Schuler Butler, 534 N. Farish St.; Mrs. Bertha Hill, 118 W. Cohea St.; Mrs. Lula Downing, Raymond, Miss.; Mrs. Susie Johnson, 1314 Banks St.; and Miss Doris Smith.

Alcorn Prexy
Entertains
Students, Staff

Alcorn, Miss., Dec. 16 — More than 800 persons jammed the Alcorn College Refectory for a pre-holiday dinner given by Dr. W. H. Pipes, Alcorn A. & M. College's youthful president.

This affair was planned and sponsored by Dr. Pipes, and will go down on record as the greatest in the history of the school. The affair began with a full course meal of Turkey and Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Thousand Island Salad, Hot Rolls, Coffee, Ice Cream and Cake.

After the dinner, "Miss Alcorn" pledged the student body to forever keep the purple and gold of Alcorn waving which was followed by remarks from the President of the

Deltas Observe
Founders Day At
Tougaloo Sunday

Alpha Chi Sigma and Gamma Psi, graduate and undergraduate chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will celebrate jointly Founder's Day on Sunday, January 9, 1949 at four o'clock p.m. in the Woodworth Chapel, Tougaloo College. The observance will feature a history of the sorority, an address by Soror Chaplain Bertha L. Johnson, Prentiss Institute, Prentiss, Mississippi, and the Pan-Hellenic Medley.

The public is invited to this observance.

Student Forum, Needham Jones, who gave greetings for the entire student body. After greetings from the President of the College, all joined in singing Christmas Carols before leaving for the Movie which was followed by a dance.

Executive Advises
Youth to Pioneer

The future of the capitalistic system in America "depends for its growth upon bold young men willing to take a chance on pioneering new fields of service," in the opinion of one of this country's most prominent Negroes, Charles C. Spaulding.

Writing about "What America Means To Me" in the December issue of The American Magazine, the 74-year-old president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. says that while some regard the South as "America's Number One problem, I think it is America's Number One Opportunity for men of good will, prudence, and character."

He reviews his own struggle from an humble beginning as the son of a slave and expresses the conviction, after traveling through 15 European countries, "that there is no

Most Worshipful King Hiram
Grand Lodge Reports the Most
Successful Session in HistoryTuskegee Report
Lists 2 Lynchings
For Past Year

Number of Lynchings: According to the records compiled in the Department of Records and Research of Tuskegee Institute, it was found that 2 persons were lynched during the year. This is 1 more than the number 1 for 1947; 4 less than the 6 for 1946; 1 more than the number 1 for 1945; and equivalent to the number 2 for 1944.

One of the victims was William H. Turner (alias Wilson Turner), a 26-year-old white farm tenant of Meriwether County, Georgia, charged with stealing cattle from his landlord. He was placed in jail but later released for lack of evidence. Upon leaving the jail, he was chased from Meriwether County into Coweta County by a group of white men, led by the owner of the stolen cattle, seized, beaten and his body burned.

The other victim was Robert Mallard, 37-year-old Negro of near Lyons, Toombs County, Georgia. There was no charge against him. His apparent offense was he had incurred the enmity of his white farm neighbors because of his prosperity. Motoring home late at night accompanied by his wife, baby and two of his wife's young relatives, he was waylaid by a group of white men, who blocked the road and shot him to death.

Borderline Cases: There was 1 borderline case, not included in the total number of lynchings for 1948 for the reason that in one respect only it does not conform to criteria used. This victim was Isiah Nixon, 28-year-old Negro, who insisted on voting in Georgia's Primary election after being advised not to do so. On the evening of the same day he voted, two brothers, white, went to Nixon's home and shot him. He died two days later in a hospital.

Lynchings Prevented: In at least 7 instances lynchings were prevented by officers of the law. All of these were in the Southern States. A total of 19 persons, all Negroes, were thus saved from death at the hands of mobs.

Punishment of Lynchers: For participating in the lynching of William H. Turner, 1 person received the death sentence and 3 persons were sentenced to life imprisonment.

The above report was submitted by Pres. F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

whatever their background, can make such progress as right here in America, provided they demonstrate ability, character and imagination.

In America today, he says, "there are more challenging careers looking for ambitious, qualified men than can be met. I personally would work for the chance to set up my own business, because I believe so firmly that enterprise is where the greatest opportunities lie, and where the greatest service can be rendered."

"Nothing is more important in business, or in the world, than for people to work together harmoniously. I am convinced that the great hope for the development of the South lies in the fair dealing and cooperation and mutual friendliness of all its people."

"Patriotic Americans will warmly applaud any man, whatever his origin or color, who breaks new ground or attains new heights, whether he be Henry Ford or Joe Louis. And they will resent any curbs which would prevent any citizen from advancing himself as far as his talents and ingenuity will take him. They want the opportunities for pioneering in America to be unlimited."

In addition to the presidency of the life insurance company, Mr. Spaulding also heads a bank that has \$5,000,000 in resources; is a director of a bonding company, a building and loan association and a fire insurance company, a trustee of three colleges and board chairman of a large hospital.

Held In Jackson
In December

More than 1500 Fraternal leaders witnessed the 10th Annual Session of the M. W. King Hiram Grand Lodge on opening day, December 5 in the auditorium of Lanier High school, to accommodate the ever growing crowd of Masonic brothers and sisters of the O.E.S. and friends. The line up for the parade started in the 100 block on North Farish St. to the 300 block. Music was furnished by the following bands, Little Wynn of Greenville, Eureka High school of Hattiesburg, and Jackson Sacred of Jackson.

A splendid report was made by the Grand Secretary, Ill. Clarence Winters 33 degree as to the progress made by the Grand Lodge since our last Annual Session. A large number of new lodges were added to the Grand Lodge roll and all indebtedness paid to date. The records show thirty-two deceased members since our last Annual Session and beneficiaries have received six thousand and four hundred dollars. Over nineteen thousand dollars was left in the bank after all indebtedness paid at the close of the session.

The King Hiram Grand Lodge have nothing to do with what the Subordinate Lodges working under their jurisdiction have in Treasury, since all of the fee and Reinstating fee above seventy-five cents remain in their home treasure. All Lodges reported to be in good financial standing. Most of them are making donations to their deceased members some fifty dollars and some one hundred in addition to the two hundred dollars paid by the Grand Lodge, with no extra cost to the members.

The following officers were re-elected for the following year 1949: J. C. McClelland, Grand Master; N. Stubbs, Deputy Grand Master; N. H. Harness, Grand Senior Warden; W. E. Tyus, Grand Junior Warden; Clarence Winters, Grand Secretary, and Steve Edwards, Grand Treasurer.

Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S. working under the M. W. King Hiram Grand Lodge reported twin deceased members and whose beneficiaries received donations in the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars. This amount was raised to one hundred and seventy-five dollars in this session. The Royal Grand Matron, Mrs. Ora M. Reese and Royal Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rosa Beard reported that a number of Chapters and members were added to their roll. More than 12 thousand dollars was left in the Grand Chapter's treasure in the bank. All officers were re-elected.

Moses Grand Royal Arch chapter will hold their annual session in Greenville, Miss., Sunday and Monday, July 3-4, 1949.

Any information, write Clarence Winters, 119 1/2 North Farish St., Jackson, Miss.

Xavier U.
Announces
Enrollment

NEW ORLEANS, La.—(Special)—Students from 22 states and five foreign countries are enrolled this semester at Xavier University here, it has been announced.

Foreign students are from the Canal Zone, Trinidad, Jamaica, the Virgin Islands, and Nigeria, B.W.A. Xavier is conducted under Catholic auspices by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

REMOVAL NOTICE

Dr. O. F. Smith, Dentist, announces the removal of his office from the Alamo Theatre Building on Amite Street to the Alamo Theatre Building on Corner Farish and Hamilton Streets.

Erskine Hawkins Plays at Skating Rink on January 13th